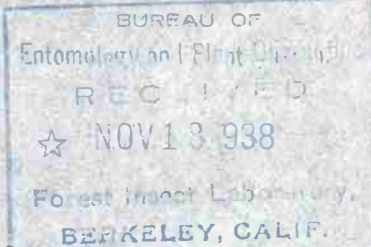


SEQUIOIA NATIONAL PARK, ANNUAL FOREST INSECT  
REPORT, NOVEMBER 15, 1938

Frank Been,  
November 18, 1938

SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK  
Annual Forest Insect Report  
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I. This report is based on a survey of Sequoia National Park as a whole. S. T. Carlson, Agent of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine at Berkeley, was in the park for a few days during the summer and made observations on two sample plots. Copy of Mr. Carlson's report to J. H. Miller, Senior Entomologist, is attached to supplement this report.

II. Surveys on which this report are based were made during the latter part of the summer and autumn. From September 23 to October 3, the Acting Park Forester made a tour of most of the park to observe forest conditions. These observations were supplemented by those of outpost rangers whose districts were not entirely covered by the undersigned.

III. General observations and topographic surveys were methods used for noting conditions, with the exception of the two sample plots from which Agent Carlson obtained his data.

IV. Taking the park as a whole, the forest insect situation is good. In no area was there a concentration of attack significant enough to warrant control measures. Here and there was a group of infested trees but exceptions to the general situation were not frequent enough to be of consequence at this time. These areas, which have been noted on Form No. 10-423, will be carefully watched to note if the situation becomes worse.

V. The Middle fork of the Kaweah River and Cliff Creek show indications of building up epidemics as in these areas the grouping of infested trees was noted. The remoteness of the region and the large expense of country involved would entail considerable expense for control. Hence, the situation must be quite critical before control measures would be justified.

Outstanding among special situations is the needle miner epidemic in the Kern-Kaweah Basin where Picket Creek enters the Kern-Kaweah River, elevation 9,300 feet. Here in an area of approximately a half square mile, there is practically a one hundred percent infestation in pure lodgepole pine. One thousand trees are estimated to be affected. Judging from the appearance of the trees, the situation must be one of several years' standing - perhaps ten years or longer. However, it has not been previously reported and this year was the first time the Acting Park Forester had visited the region during the ten years he has been in this park.

Although the attack is severe, there are not many dead trees, but practically all the trees are badly hit. Probably the weakening of the trees will continue until there will eventually result a wide spread mortality.



Around the edges of the area of concentration the attack dwindles quite rapidly so that above and below the basin involved no needle miner work was apparent. This was despite an unbroken stretch of lodgepole pine extending up the Kern-Kaweah River. Downward from the infested area the lodgepole pine is broken in its continuity and other species are sparse. As the distance from Junction Meadow on the Kern River where lodgepole pine is dense is about two and a half miles to the infested area, there seems remote possibility that the needle miner attack will spread to the Kern. At least, not for many years, judging from the apparent history of the infestation.

It is interesting that no bark beetle attacks were noticed along the entire length of the Kern-Kaweah River.

Senior Entomologist J. M. Miller stated that the Kern-Kaweah infestation is a new locality record and is perhaps part of an infestation on the Chagoopa Plateau, which has persisted for several years.

From specimens sent to the Berkeley office of the Bureau of Entomology, the needle miner was determined to be *Recurvaria milleri*.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Deen,  
Acting Park Forester.

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Needle Miner Infestation in Kern-Kaweah River Basin





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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. N. MILLER, SENIOR ENTOMOLOGIST.

Re: Forest Insect Surveys, Sequoia National Park.

August 23 to 31 were spent in Sequoia National Park on forest insect surveys. General observations were made in the vicinity of Generals Highway, Giant Forest, Lodgepole, Old Colony Mill and Marble Fork. The Atwell Mill sample plot was re-established and surveyed, and a general observation was made in this region; a 160-acre sample plot was established and surveyed in the lodgepole pine type at Hockett Meadows.

The results of these observations and surveys are as follows:

1. Generals Highway. Appears good in pine type with most of losses (endemic) confined to fir.

2. Giant Forest. Appears good except in pine type along highway below Giant Forest. 1938 attacks showing up here and will bear further investigation.

3. Lodgepole. Losses in fir and Jeffrey pine are showing up prominently in the immediate vicinity.

4. Colony Mill. Losses in fir and pine general throughout this area, extending on up the Marble Fork to Lodgepole.

5. Atwell Mill. Losses on the sample plot (80 acres) for 1936-37-38 (too early yet to fully determine 1938 losses) are as follows:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Sugar Pine</u> | <u>Ponderosa Pine</u> | <u>White Fir</u> | <u>Incense Cedar</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 1936        | 1                 | 3                     |                  |                      | 4            |
| 1937        |                   | 3                     | 2                | 10                   | 15           |
| 1938        | 2                 |                       | 1                | 2                    | 5            |
| Total       | 3                 | 6                     | 3                | 12                   | 24           |



The recent losses indicated by this plot appear to sustain similar losses in the adjoining forest stands in this area.

6. Hockett Meadows. Losses on the sample plot (160 acres) for 1936-37-38 (1938 losses not complete as all attacks have not yet occurred) established here are as follows:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Lodgepole Pine</u> | <u>Shasta Fir</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1936        | 11                    |                   | 11           |
| 1937        | 15                    | 2                 | 17           |
| 1938        | <u>11</u>             | <u>2</u>          | <u>13</u>    |
| Total       | 37                    | 4                 | 41           |

Lodgepole pine losses as indicated by this plot are sustained in the surrounding type at Hockett Meadows and Horse Creek Camp Grounds. Losses in the red fir and Shasta fir are relatively much higher.

Needleminer in the lodgepole pine at Mineral King, adjacent to the Park, is very active, heavy defoliation having occurred in recent years. A few miner needles were found in the lodgepole at Hockett Meadows area, but no active larvae were found although a close observation was made. Needleminer is also very active in the white fir and to a limited extent in sugar pine in the vicinity of Atwell Mill.

It is believed that the infestation in the pine type extending from Moro Rock around the Giant Forest to Colony Mill and on up the Marble Fork will average 25 trees per square mile and that fall control work is advisable in this area.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. Carlson  
Agent.

Atwell Mill, Sequoia National Park  
August 31, 1938.



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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|--------|---|--|---|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
|                                      |                                | Location                                      | Extent   | Damage | Status  |  | Treatment                                   |           |           |                                      |
|                                      |                                |   |  |        |   |  | Last year                                   | This year | Next year |                                      |
| 1                                    | 2                              | 3   | 4  | 5      | 6   | 7  | 8   | 9         | 10        | 11                                   |
| Pinus lambertiana                    | D. monticolae                  | Giant Forest to Colony Mill and vicinity      | Scattered attack over wide area                | Slight | Old endemic, static                                 |  | Occasional tree cut in areas of tourist use | Same #5   | Same #8,9 | Done in connection with snag removal |
| Pinus ponderosa                      | D. brevicornis                 |   |  |        |   |  |   |           |           |                                      |
| Abies concolor                       | Scolytus subscaber(?)          |   |  |        |   |  |   |           |           |                                      |
| Pinus lambertiana                    | D. monticolae                  | Heather L. to Twin L. Grove to Lodgepole Camp | Scattered attack over wide area                | Slight | Old endemic, static                                 |  | None  | None      | None      |                                      |
| Pinus jeffreyi                       | D. jeffreyi                    |   |  |        |   |  |   |           |           |                                      |
| Pinus murrayana                      | D. monticolae                  |   |  |        |   |  |   |           |           |                                      |
| Pinus monticolae                     | " "                            |   |  |        |   |  |   |           |           |                                      |
| Abies concolor                       | S. subscaber                   |   |  |        |   |  |   |           |           |                                      |
| Pinus lambertiana                    | D. monticolae                  | Middle Fk. of Kaweah up to Cliff Crk.         | Scattered wide area 1. group 5 nr. Buck Canyon | Slight | Old endemic, indications of bldg. up nr. Buck Cany. |  | None  | None      | None      |                                      |
| Pinus ponderosa                      | D. brevicornis                 |   |  |        |   |  |   |           |           |                                      |
| Abies concolor                       | S. subscaber                   |   |  |        |   |  |   |           |           |                                      |

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| Pinus murrayana                      | Recurvaria milleri             | Kern-Kaweah            | About 1000 trees on $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. | Concentrated defoliation | Probably same as last yr.   |  | None      | None      | None      |                                      |
| Pinus lambertiana                    | D. monticolae                  | River Valley           | Scattered ovr.                        | Slight                   | Old endemic, indicatn. of bldg. up in sugar pine on S. side Cliff Cr. |  | None      | None      | None      |                                      |
| Pinus ponderosa                      | D. brevicornis                 | Cliff Crk & vicinities | wide area.                            | S.                       |   |  |           |           |           |                                      |
| Pinus jeffreyi                       | D. jeffreyi                    |                        | side Cliff Cr.                        |                          |   |  |           |           |           |                                      |
| Abies concolor                       | D. subscaber                   |                        | 1 gr. 4 sugar pine                    |                          |   |  |           |           |           | 6                                    |
| Pinus lambertiana                    | D. monticolae                  | Attwell Mill           | Scattered ovr.                        | Slight                   | Endemic   |  | None      | None      | None      |                                      |
| Pinus ponderosa                      | S. brevicornis                 | vicinity               | wide area                             |                          |   |  |           |           |           |                                      |
| Abies concolor                       | S. subscaber                   |                        |                                       |                          |   |  |           |           |           |                                      |
| Pinus murrayana                      | D. monticolae                  | Hockett Mdw            | Scattered ovr.                        | Slight                   | Endemic   |  | None      | None      | None      |                                      |
| Pinus monticolae                     | "                              | & vicinity             | wide area                             |                          |   |  |           |           |           |                                      |
| Pinus murrayana                      | D. monticolae                  | Big Arroyo Chagoo Plt. | Very settrd.                          | Slight                   | Less than endemic   |  | None      | None      | None      |                                      |
| Pinus lambertiana                    | D. monticolae                  | Kern Canyon            | Settrd over                           | Slight                   | Less than endemic   |  | None      | None      | None      |                                      |
| Pinus murrayana                      | "                              |                        | wide area                             |                          |   |  |           |           |           |                                      |
| Pinus jeffreyi                       | D. jeffreyi                    |                        |                                       |                          |   |  |           |           |           |                                      |
| Pinus murrayana                      | D. monticolae                  | E. of Kern Can.        | Settrd over                           | Slight                   | Less than endemic   |  | None      | None      | None      |                                      |
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